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INCREASED MEMBERSHIP, REVENUE SOUGHT TO QUICKEN CLUB'S RHYTHM OF GROWTH

By HELEN ALPERT

In a drive to increase club revenues, the OPC is actively seeking support from other professional clubs. First to enroll — you noticed the Friday luncheons? — is New York's 50-year-old City Club one of whose early presidents is the OPC's *Morris L. Ernst*, distinguished attorney-author still widely remembered as an influential advisor to FDR. The City Club's expertise is in city government as citizen-watchdogs.

For a stipulated annual fee, the clubs will receive OPC office space and the privilege of OPC facilities for their periodic luncheon and dinner meetings. One advantage pointed out by OPC President *Jack Raymond* is the opportunity to all OPC members also to attend these club functions as paying guests, to meet and cover

the prominent speakers scheduled.

Negotiations are underway with similar hand-picked news-focused groups to lighten the heavy financial burden presently carried solely by OPC members, in the hope that OPC dues can soon be structured downward. *Matt Bassity*, Admissions Committee chairman, reported to the recent Board of Governors' meeting a total of 1,573 OPC members and the processing of 101 resignations precipitated chiefly by heavy dues.

What's the rest of the story on membership? Membership Chairman *Ralph Schulz*, after working for weeks "with too few cadres," was forced to abandon his campaign to expect members en masse from New York's media powerhouses. "But the technique that's successful," he stressed to the

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'DOWN UNDER' CULT LEADER SEIZES NOTES FOR BOOK ON SOUTH PACIFIC WAR HEROES

By JOE PETERS

It happened in New Guinea. The occurrence may seem trivial and fit for a comedy built around J.G. Holland's line "wrong rules the law, and waiting justice sleeps." Yet it seriously affects not only one of our distinguished colleagues personally, but all journalists.

A Pulitzer Prize winning foreign correspondent of the *Chicago Daily News* and author of several books on World War II exploits, *George A. Weller* went to New Guinea after retiring from his post in Rome to gather material on the Coastwatchers, the "unsung" war heroes of the South Pacific.

While trying to interview the Hakalis cult leader John Teosin at the Tsunono Club on New Guinea's Buka Island, Weller was assaulted by Joseph Hapisiria, another Hakalis figure who ran the Club, and several of his supporters. Weller was badly beaten and his notebook, containing records of several weeks of work, was grabbed, torn, and pocketed by Hapisiria.

Weller sued Hapisiria for damages and return of his notebook. Presided by an Australian magistrate, the hearing was held in an improvised courtroom in the same Club where the assault occurred. The verdict: Hapisiria to pay 40 cents to Weller, the value of a new notebook, and the return of his old one.

The Gilbert and Sullivan trial and verdict took place last January. To this day Weller has received neither the 40 cents nor his old notebook. Waiting in Melbourne to get both — not to prove the truth of Marcus Aurelius' adage "... to be patient is a branch of justice" — costing Weller thousands of dollars.

Most deplorable, however, is the fact that Weller's repeated protests to Australian officials, to the High Commissioner of Papua, New Guinea, and especially to the U.S. Embassy were ignored.

So the justice down under still sleeps. Intervention by our Freedom of the Press Committee may wake it up.

CALENDAR

Thursday, November 7, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

— *Jerry Robinson* double-header: Opening of exhibition of cartoons from 1895 to present; demonstration of the art of cartooning by Robinson and his cartoonist colleague *Alfred Andriola*. Door prizes: copies of *The Comics*, Robinson's new book, an illustrated history of comic strip art.

Friday, November 8, 12 Noon —
Deadline: OPC Bulletin of November 15.

Tuesday, November 12th, 5:30 p.m. —

"Talking Shop With . . .": A film and discussion — "Revolution in the Newsroom." The impact of automation on journalism. Speakers: *Bob Haring*, AP, and *David Steinberg*, VP, PR Newswire. Reservations.

Monday, November 18th 12 Noon,

"Talking Shop With . . .": Luncheon: *Jerald F. terHorst*, former Press Secretary to President Ford. National columnist for the *Detroit News*. Luncheon: \$6.50, including tax and gratuities. Cash bar. Reservations.

Friday, November 22, 5:30 p.m. —
Attila Zoller, renowned European jazz guitarist and quartette. Cash bar.

RESERVATIONS: Please call *Mary Novick*, 687-2430. Reservation cancellations must reach the OPC 24 hours before the event, otherwise members will be charged the announced fee.

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SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

REGIONAL REPORTS

FROM ATHENS

By CONSTANTINE SOLOYANIS

The government change in Greece has put newspapers in the news.

The Greek capital now has nine Greek and two English language daily newspapers and was expected to have thirteen by mid-September—and possibly even two more by early 1975.

Publisher Helen Vlachos, who returned to Greece from her exile in London, intends to resume publication of the morning daily Kathimerini on September 15. She became an international celebrity in 1967 when she shut down two newspapers she inherited from her father, rather than submit to censorship of the junta.

One new paper, the Athinaiki, made its debut July 24, and gives daily prominence to Andreas Papandreaou and his new Panhellenic Socialist Movement.

Avgi, the "official Greek Communist Party interior newspaper," has resumed publication; the New Hellas, the "Greek Communist Party exterior newspaper," started as a weekly and was set to go daily September 10. (The Communist Party, currently outlawed in Greece, is expected to legally participate in the next general elections.)

The tabloid Athens Mirror, English language daily which made its debut in fall 1973 folded last month when bankroller Nick Sokaris (who doubled as a restaurateur) ran out of money.

Jane Hill, whose husband was formerly an executive with the Athens Hilton, faces a lawsuit. She circulated a letter advocating a boycott of the Athens News because of irresponsible reporting. The photocopied examples she offered turned out to be UPI and AP dispatches. News publisher Yannis Horn, who spent six months in jail for editorially opposing the junta, has published the Hill letter and his reaction.

The Athens Daily Post is the other English paper published in the Greek capital. Another group is making plans for a new English daily, tentatively named The Athens World, to make its debut early in 1975.

Biggest circulation in Greece at the moment (an estimated 600,000, more than double any other) is enjoyed by Vradyni, whose publisher, George Athanassiades had been forced to suspend eight months prior to the fall of the junta, because of its anti-regime attitude.

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

FROM BONN

By KARL KOCH

Moves: "Mr. Berlin" leaves divided city for temporary stint in Brussels before taking over UPIbuo in Vienna. Who? Old-timers would know without asking. Joe Fleming, who has written more headlines about Germany's former capital than other scribes full-fledged columns. Reason: higher German postal rates, less news and general economy cuts.

Ins and outs: Roy Koch leaving Bonn Newsweek buo. Phil Till coming to Bonn UPIbuo fm Brussels ("Efficiency here overwhelming — Federal Press Office had accreditation readied within ten days") AP moves Frankfurt office to Bonn in economy move. Henry Hartzenbusch new Bonn APbuo chief assisted by Otto Doelling as news chief. Stan Modic, Industry Week editor, in Germany two weeks covering steel scene accompanied by contributing editor Carl Koch on Ruhr end of trip. Ernie Weatherall ABC radio back fm two months Cyprus/Turkey tanned and shaggy maned ("Glad to get out of the sun???"). Gary Stindt NBC touching base in Bonn after Mideast, East Euro swing before returning to "home" in Berlin.

Filled tumbrels: Stars and Stripes firing 102 staffers including 11 on editorial side on last-in, first-out basis. Reason: dollar devaluation, falling circulation and inflation. Same for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty paring payrolls and merging some technical operations before flipping coin to see who heads both stations.

Over the border: Times Paris buo getting new chief, Greg Wierzynski, ex-Chicago.

NEW MEMBERS

Active Non-Resident

Cornelia E. Lien Waterfall, Editor-in-Chief, Mothers' Manual.

Associate Resident

Carol Houck Smith, Editor, W.W. Norton, Company.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE...

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Board of Governors, "is to have every member personally recruit just one new member. This works! On a personal one-to-one basis we reinstated 25 members and accepted 90 new members. All we critically need to get over the hump is for each OPC member to sign up only one other member."

In short, the Membership Committee urgently needs you personally. Wherever you go, why not tuck an Application for Membership in your pocket or handbag? Phone the OPC now — 687-2430 — and ask that membership applications be sent you immediately. The requisites are simple: Sign your name as sponsor, get a co-sponsor, write a brief letter of recommendation, enclose your applicant's check and mail to the Admissions Committee.

A final note to bring you up to date: Larry Blochman seeks a re-activated Program Committee. Its late chairman was John T. McAllister. This is a stunningly interesting committee face to face with Page One news. Whether or not you have "connections," why not ask to serve on it? It's a first cousin to Larry Stessin's tremendously popular "Shoptalks." How do you think Jack Anderson happened to come to lunch that day? Or Spiro You-know-hoo instantly invited to an OPC symposium minutes after his first attack on the press on November 19, 1969?

LETTERS

Our deepest thanks for the OPC's gift to my husband's memorial fund.

I wanted to let you know that this gift and those of other friends will be the start of a continuing contribution to Amherst College in John's name. He was enormously proud of Amherst and placed great value on the kind of education the college offers. I know he would like to go on supporting it.

Mrs. John T. McAllister — NYC

The following letter was received by OPC Club Manager James Menditto.

When I saw you Wednesday evening you said you would speak to the Biltmore management about getting me a reduced rate because of my membership in the OPC. They did give me a reduction from \$38 to \$30 for the second night of my two-day stay, and I want to thank you.

The dinner I had that evening was excellent. The pork chops were cooked just right, the salad was good and so was the service. You deserve to have more guests at dinner time.

Robert Sherrod — Washington, D.C.

AUTHOR OF WINDSORS' LOVE STORY SPEAKER AT OPC BOOK NIGHT

By RUTH BIEMILLER

There he was, our own *Ralph Martin*, "flank to flank" with the Duchess, her "great big violet-blue eyes" working the same magic on him that they had worked long ago on the Prince of Wales/Duke of Windsor.

"I listened, I sympathized, I understood," Martin confessed at the October 9 Book Night in which he regaled fellow OPCers with the story behind the story of his best-selling book, "The Woman He Loved," (Simon and Schuster, \$9.95) a no-holds-barred account of the love affair and marriage of Wallis of Baltimore, U.S.A., and the then future King of England.

Why her? was the question in mind as he worked the fringes of research for his book. Why had the Prince Charming of the World chosen from the world of available women, a not particularly beautiful 40-year old divorcee?

That question was answered during Martin's post-prandial interview with the Duchess at Cap Ferrat. "She had listened to, sympathized with and understood Windsor, making him feel a human being as he had never felt before," reported Martin. "It was not love, not passion. She was an obsession with him. He never got any ulcers. She never lost hers."

Of the Windsors' waltz with Hitler, Martin said, "It was a mistake. But he had more German blood than English blood." Of Wallis' waltz with Jimmy Donohue: "She needed laughs." Of Don Felipe, the man Wallis loved who left her: "That story got my book banned in *Paris*!" Of the Duke's hangups: "Yes, homosexuality was one of them."

Fascinating material, told dramatically and with wit by a born storyteller. Book chairman *Anita Diamant Berke* presided. *Jack Raymond*, president, introduced Martin.

ANNETTE HUNT CONCERT

By HERBERT KUPFERBERG

Annette Hunt, soprano, opened the OPC's music season October 10 with a concert that ranged from 18th Century Italian songs to the show-tunes of Rogers and Hammerstein.

Miss Hunt, whose concert was in part a preview of her November 11 recital at Carnegie Chamber Hall, is known to many as the girl who appears in the Ajax Cleanser commercial on television. But she has ambitions to be a serious singer, and at the Club concert she displayed a skillfully used light voice with surprising power in the upper range.

IKE'S BROTHER WARNED 8 PRESIDENTS ABOUT 'PALACE GUARDS'

By THOMAS J. KRANER

"The 'Palace Guard' has downgraded and made messenger boys out of the President's Cabinet. As long as we have the 'Guard', the Cabinet will not be restored to the dignity and place of eminence in advising the President," Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, author of the new book, "The President is Calling," (Doubleday, \$12.50) told an OPC Book Night audience on Oct. 10.

The brother of the former President, and advisor to every U.S. Chief Executive from Coolidge to Nixon, explained that his book contained a dozen serious recommendations because "the responsibilities that the President carries under the Constitution, some 400 laws and traditions, are simply beyond the capacity of any human being." He said that the President should be elected only for a six year term. Further, two Executive Vice Presidents should be appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate, who are not in line of succession, will not replace the elected Vice President, but to whom he can delegate the responsibilities that ought never come to his attention. The trivia, he said, must be taken away from the President.

Dr. Eisenhower mentioned that, "Our quadrennial conventions are an absolute shame to the country. A prize fight, a carnival, a circus, has greater dignity and more thoughtfulness ... At conventions ... only delegates should be permitted on the floor and just one television camera for all networks, focused on the platform. Tradition says that candidates shall not appear before the convention. Of course, the candidate should appear. They should be subjected to the same scrutiny with which we examined Ford and are now scrutinizing Rockefeller."

A born actress, she introduced each number with friendly good humor, setting the song in a framework of time and meaning. She sang in five languages, Italian, French, German, Russian and English, in a program that featured songs by Richard Strauss and Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Perhaps the most unusual aspect of the program was its inclusion of operetta numbers by Rudolf Friml and Sigmund Romberg which are seldom heard in concerts nowadays. The show-stopper was "My Hero" from Oscar Straus' *The Chocolate Soldier*.

The piano accompanist was Charles Richard. *Jack Frummer*, chairman of the music committee, presided.

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CORRECTION

The Bulletin story announcing the Jerry Robinson Book Night/ Cartoon Exhibition on November 7 at 5:30 p.m. placed the Montreal Pavilion of Humour in Italy. The Pavilion, where Jerry is one of three artists representing the U.S., remains in Canada. The Annual Humor Festival in Bordighera, Italy, is where Jerry was thrice honored. And to make this correction worth reading, we add that Jerry Robinson started his cartoon career on Bob Kane's *Batman*, helping to create a number of characters, notably the arch-villainous The Joker.



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WhoWhatWhere

By GRACE NAISMITH

HONORS: The Society of the Silturians honored **William Randolph Hearst, Jr.**, editor-in-chief of the Hearst Newspapers, at the Society's annual fall dinner Oct. 21 at the Riverboat, Empire State Building. He had been selected 1974 recipient of the Quarter Century News Achievement Gold Quill. The award goes to a newspaperman who has been in the field 25 years and is still active. Former Gold Quill winners are Walter Cronkite, CBS-TV; Peter Kihss and A.J. Raskin, N.Y. Times; **James Kilgallen**, Hearst Headline Service and Edwin Newman, NBC-TV. In 1958 Hearst won the OPC Award for Foreign Reporting... **Richard H. Roffman**, WHBI-FM broadcaster and veteran N.Y. newspaperman and radio reporter, was honored Oct. 6th at a party of celebrities at the Factoria Restaurant. They not only celebrated his 40th year in broadcasting, but also his birthday. Age?... **Norman A. Schorr** was re-elected Treasurer of the Deadline Club of Sigma Delta Chi. His name was omitted, alas, from the Sept. 1 Bulletin, listing new officers.

NEW LOOK: **Jim Halbe**, formerly with Stars and Stripes in Europe and Business Week in N.Y., has moved from the University of Mississippi journalism department in Oxford to the Mass Communications Department at the University of South Florida, Tampa, as assistant professor of journalism... **Arthur Holzman**, recently retired from NASA's General counsel office (and U.S. Naval Reserve) is back with NASA on part-time basis as expert-consultant in NASA's Office of Industry Affairs and Technology Utilization... **Robert J. Stone**, veteran newspaperman and public relations executive, has been appointed president of Business Organization, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Carl Byoir & Associates, Inc. Stone, recently director of corporate relations for The Singer Company, has seen journalism days at the Newark Star Ledger, Trenton Trentonian, the Schnectday Union Star, and was on the staff of Yank Magazine and the Army News Service during World War II... **Clifford Evans** has been elevated to vice president of the Washington News Bureau of RKO General Radio. Evans joined RKO General Broadcasting in 1963, produced and moderated "Ladies of the Press," moved to Washington, D.C. to become director of the Washington News Bureau. Evans was formerly with N.Y. Herald Tribune, World Telegram and Post, directed TV and motion pictures for the City of N.Y. and was with NBC Today show. Winner of United Nations

Award for Best News Coverage, the Human Relations Award, and the Newspaper Guild Award for Radio Journalism... Appointed senior press officer for the World Council of Churches, Geneva is **Bruno E.K. Kroker**. He has recently been associate for press relations in the Department of Information of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

PUBLISHING EVENTS: **Ray Vicker's** hard cover "Those Swiss Money Men," is coming out in soft cover this month by the Charles Scribner's Sons. Vicker, European Editor Wall Street Journal, is author of "Kingdom of Oil," both books selling in the British Commonwealth and Japan. Coming up is a book on gold... **Irene Day's** "Kitchen in the Kasbah" will be published by Andre Deutsch, Ltd., London in November. Covers not only recipes but descriptions of Morocco and its customs... **Frank Bandy**, under the pseudonym of Eugene Franklin, has three Dell books coming out - "Murder Trapp," "The Bold House Murders" in October and "The Money Murders" in December. (**Bandy, Robin Moore, Anita Diamant Berke** and the **Devlins** were among other stranded Pennsylvania R.R. commuters when the trains conked out recently, seeking refuge at the OPC bar so convenient to Grand Central... **Robert Black**, p.r. boat expert, has an article in September Popular Science - "America's Cup Super Yachts" - and other coming up on-board computers aboard the America's Cup boats, scheduled for January.

TRAVELERS: **Herb Silverman** just back from Munich and Berlin for Travel Age East Magazine on American tourism to Germany... **Donald Coe**, ABC Director of Network News and Operations, has been in London, establishing a new ABC news office

RECUPERATING: **Jack Frummer** who was robbed and beaten in his Brooklyn apartment Sept. 15 is recovering after 2½ weeks in St. John's Hospital in Queens. Jack was entering his apartment early in the evening when two men with knives open attacked him, tied and gagged him, robbed him and ransacked the apartment. Several ribs were fractured. Jack is staying with a sister, recovering from the gruelling experience. TW 6-2208.

SEEN ON THE SCENE: **Ralph Salazar**.

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